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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

ANAND et al.

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Examiner: Juliet C. Einsmann

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RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 19, 2002.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-5, 7 and 8; drawn to a method for diagnosis of a polymorphism using nucleic acid analysis, with traverse.

The polymorphism (species) elected for initial searching is position 2448 in SEQ ID NO:1, which can bring about amino acid change Leu126Pro.

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement is traversed as to the separation of Groups I and II, drawn to nucleic acid versus protein diagnostic methods, respectively. Because the same polymorphism can be detected in nucleic acids and proteins and the purpose for doing so is the same, it would not put an undue burden of search on the Examiner to consider the claims of Groups I and II together. Partial reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is requested.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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